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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-6, 10-12, and 21 as follows:

3. (Amended) The chamber of claim 1, wherein the reagent composition is a detergent-containing buffered solution to release adenosine triphosphate (ATP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP) from the test sample into the solution for testing, and wherein the reagent composition comprises a phosphoric acid buffer and an anionic or non-ionic detergent.

4. (Amended) The chamber of claim 1, wherein the reagent composition is selected from the group consisting of (i) a detergent-containing buffered solution to release adenosine triphosphate (ATP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP) from the test sample into the solution for testing; (ii) a reaction stopping solution having a pH of 8 to 11; and (iii) a luciferin-luciferase or phosphatase substrate reagent, and wherein the reagent composition includes a pH indicator.

5. (Amended) In combination, the chamber of claim 1 in a test apparatus for the detection of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP) in a test sample, wherein the reagent composition is selected from the group consisting of (i) a detergent-containing buffered



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